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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 4, 2006, Applicant hereby provisionally elects, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-15, 41-51, and 58-64) in the present application. In addition, Applicant hereby provisionally elects, with traverse, Species IH for initial examination in the present application. Applicant believes that claims 11-15, 42, and 45-47 are properly aligned with Species IH and that claims 1, 41, 58, and 61 are generic to all of Species IA-IL of Group I.

However, applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement since the subject matter of all of claims 1-64 is sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the elected claims would necessarily encompass a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and that the present application be examined

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according to MPEP § 803 so as to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to the Applicants and
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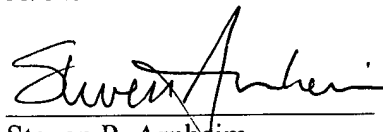
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